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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING PARENTAL LEVEL OF
OPTICAL DISC**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-15, 17-27, and 32-35 are pending.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-3, 6, 8-15, and 27 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for being obvious in view of a Lewis-Sawabe-Kim combination. Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection for the following reasons.

The Examiner alleges that the Kim patent discloses generating information that indicates the generation of the second parental code (FIG. 3A). However, FIG. 3A of Kim only shows an example of a menu for allowing a user to enter a password, and more specifically a 4-digit

password data input menu. This menu is used at the time of determining whether the changing of the viewing restriction level will be allowed. (See column 5, lines 1-10).

In contrast, the information that indicates the generation of the second parental code, which according to one exemplary embodiment is shown by Final_C_D in Figure 6, is completely different from the password input menu shown in FIG. 3A of Kim. That is, the password input into the menu of FIG. 3A is not itself a parental code but rather a password entered for the purpose of setting a parental level restriction. (See column 5).

Accordingly, it is submitted that the Kim patent does not teach or suggest the features of claim 1 (“generating information that indicates the generation of the second parental code”) missing from the Lewis and Sawabe patents. Furtherance of claim 1 and its dependent claims to allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for being obvious in view of a Sawabe-Kim combination was also maintained by the Examiner. The Kim patent does not teach or suggest “a third memory area configured to store status information indicating the renewal of the parental code recorded in the second memory area.” This status information is different from the password entered into FIG. 3A of Kim. Thus, Kim does not teach or suggest these features and neither does the Sawabe patent. Furtherance of claim 17 and its dependent claims to allowance is respectfully requested.

The remaining rejections are traversed on grounds that none of the secondary references of record teach or suggest the features in the independent claims which are missing from the Sawabe, Lewis, and Kim patents.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and timely allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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